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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMITE OF 24: ROLE OF SOVIETS
AND EASTERN EUROPEANS

REF: USUN 3036, USUN 2990 (NOTAL), USUN 2877 (NOTAL)

1. USSR AND TO LESSER EXTENT BULGARIA AND CZECHOS-
LOVAKIA PLAYED RELATIVELY LOW KEY ROLE IN PUERTO RICAN
DEBATE ON COMITE OF 24 THIS YEAR. YUGOSLAVS DID NOT EVEN
SPEAK.

2. WHILE USSR DELEGATE DELIVERED ONE SPEECH
EXPRESSING "COMPLETE SUPPORT OF CUBAN POSITION", HE MADE
NO MENTION OF U.S. BY NAME AND NO REFERENCE TO PUERTO
RICAN SITUATION. THIS IS SHARP CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR,
WHEN SOVIET DELEGATION CONSPICUOUSLY PLAYED LEADING ROLE
IN RECRUITING IRAQ TO SPONSOR RES WHICH LAUNCHED
COMITE'S FORMAL INVOLVEMENT IN PUERTO RICAN ISSUE.
ETHIOPIANS AND IRANISANS HAVE TOLD MISOFF THAT USSR REP
ON COMITE (NEKLESSA) HAS NOT PLAYED ANY ROLE IN INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS EXCEPT TO EXPRESS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT
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COMPROMISES AGREEABLE TO "OTHERS". NEKLESSA POINTEDLY

REMARKED TO MISOFF AUG. 30 THAT TO DEGREE IT CONSISTENT WITH USUAL
"WELL KNOWN SOVIET POSITION," HE CARRYING OUT "REQUEST"

3. PERHAPS BEACUSE THEIR DELEGATE ON COMITE OF
24 IS NEW AND INEXPERIENCED, YUGOSLAVS, WHILE VOTING FOR
TROUBLESOME RES, TOOK ABSOLUTELY NO PART EITHER IN DEBATE
OR IN CONSULTATIONS.
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